

IN THE CLAIMS:

- update e-receipt  
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- ③ 3. (Currently Amended) A method for processing an electronic receipt maintaining inventory records of products being sold, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:
- providing inventory records corresponding to a plurality of products for sale;  
processing a purchase transaction for a first product of said plurality of products;  
generating an electronic receipt comprising data concerning the purchase transaction;  
storing the said electronic receipt on a removable storage medium;  
at a different time or place, reading the said electronic receipt on the from said  
removable storage medium;  
validating the said electronic receipt; and
- ④ 3 in response to validating the said electronic receipt,  
providing an indication to proceed with a delivery of goods or services related to  
the purchase transaction said first product and  
updating an inventory record corresponding to said first product affected by said  
to reflect the delivery of said first product, goods or services.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the said step of validating the said electronic receipt further comprises inspecting a digital signature to verify the integrity of the said electronic receipt. 423

27. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer-readable medium for processing an electronic receipt maintaining inventory records for a plurality of items for sale, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for processing a purchase transaction;

second instructions for generating an electronic receipt comprising data concerning the purchase transaction;

third instructions for storing the said electronic receipt on a removable storage medium;

fourth instructions for reading the said electronic receipt on the removable storage medium;

fifth instructions for validating the said electronic receipt; and

sixth instructions for providing an indication to proceed with a delivery of goods or services related to the purchase transaction said first item in response to validating the said electronic receipt,

seventh instructions for updating an inventory record corresponding to said first item in response to validating the electronic receipt.

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28. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 27 wherein the said instructions for validating the electronic receipt further comprise instructions for inspecting a digital signature to verify the integrity of the said electronic receipt.